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**Readers Guide**

**The Constitutional Convention** Ch. 5 sec.1 p.112-118

**Part I. Vocabulary. Write the name of the term that fits each of the following descriptions.**

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 1. He was selected as the presiding officer of the convention.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 2. He presented a plan for a strong national government with three branches.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 3. It called for a strong national government to replace the alliance of independent states. It was too radical to many of the small state delegates.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 4. Proposed by Governor William Patterson, it called for a one-house legislature in which each state would have an equal number of votes.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 5. Proposed by Roger Sherman of Connecticut, it settled the conflict between the large and small states’ plans for government.

**\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** 6. A legislature made up of two houses.

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**Part II. Analysis. Decide if each of the following statements would have been made by a supporter of the**

**Virginia Plan or of the New Jersey Plan. Write either “VA” or “NJ” in the blank provided.**

**\_\_\_** 10. The new government will be too strong, taking important powers away from the state legislatures.

**\_\_\_** 11. A strong national government will abuse the states the same way England had done.

**\_\_\_** 12. Basing a state’s number of representatives on its population is the only fair way to decide it.

**\_\_\_** 13. We would always be outvoted if we based representation on population.

**Part III. Short Answer.**

14. Why did the delegates vote not to revise the Articles of Confederation?

15. List three powers Congress was given under the Constitution that only state governments had under the

Articles of Confederation. **A.**

**B.**

**C.**

16. Who was given executive powers by the delegates at the Constitutional Convention?

17. What was created to interpret the law and settle conflicts between the states?

18. Who was initially allowed to vote for members of the House of Representatives?

19. Who was chosen to choose Senators?

20. Who was chosen to elect the President?